### PROJECT UPDATE

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#### **Project Description:**

- To Develop Sequential Port Fuel Injection System to Allow Conventional School Buses to Operate on Propane
- Start Date: January 2003
- Funding Partners Include:
  - Propane Education and Research Council \$803,000
  - Department of Energy \$200,000
  - ProCon/PVC \$565,000 (Cash and in-kind to date)









#### Project Contractors Include:

- Millbrook Proving Ground (a wholly owned subsidiary of General Motors Corporation)
- Clean Air Vehicles, LLC
- Bi-Phase Technologies
- Sleegers Engineering, Inc.
- Les Entreprises Michel Corbeil, Inc.



















- GMC C5500 Chassis
  - 26,000 pound GVWR, 8.1L Engine, 5 spd Automatic Trans
- Matches Gasoline HP and Torque Specifications
  - 325HP, 450 ft-lb Torque
- Fuel Efficiency of 6 miles per gallon of propane!
  - Over 50 gallons of usable fuel on board within the FMVSS tested crash zone
- Has achieved 2004 EPA/ULEV and CARB Low NOx Certification
  - 0.7 gm/bhp-hr HC+NOx criteria emissions
- 2005 Certification will be complete by late summer









#### U.S. SCHOOL BUS TOUR



16,000+ miles driven to date traveling to Clean Cities!









#### WHY PROPANE?

- Much of it Derived from Domestic Sources
  - Readily Available
- Great Energy Density (6 mpg)
  - Provides gallon for gallon offset from Gasoline
  - Offsets Diesel use by 75%
- Can Cost as much as 30% less than Gasoline
- Refueling Infrastructure costs much less
- Ultra Low Emissions
  - Very Low NOx
  - Zero Measurable PM
- Vehicle Cost Equal to Diesel









- Orders Processed through Selected GM Commercial Truck Dealers
  - "Ship Through Code" process
  - Dealer will be service trained
  - www.propaneschoolbus.com to coordinate
- Body by Corbeil
  - Available from 40 to 66 passengers
  - Possible availability from US BUS, Girardin, MidBus
- Fuel System Installation by Monroe Equipment
  - Propane Liquid Fuel Injection
  - GM Certified Vehicle Modifier









#### **Other Platforms Available:**

- 19,000 to 26,000 GVWR Cab Chassis
- Standard Configuration Shuttle



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